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## WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### MARCH 2011

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of March 2011 and to date for the year that began on January 1, 2011.

#### Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 128 opinions, 94 summary dispositions, and 93 other written decisions in March. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, which are issued in the form of a court order prior to a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

<u>March 2011</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>87</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>315</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	21	22	19	11	73
Opinion - Criminal .....	19	14	12	10	55
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	2	8	4	8	22
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	23	24	4	21	72
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	13	4	17	20	54
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	6	8	7	6	27
Other - Civil .....	3	0	2	2	7
Other - Criminal .....	0	2	0	3	5

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 288 opinions, 208 summary dispositions, and 255 other written decisions.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Terminated .....	<u>197</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>751</u>
Opinion - Civil .....	42	49	40	36	167
Opinion - Criminal .....	46	25	28	22	121
Sum. Disp. - Civil.....	5	19	5	20	49
Sum. Disp. - Criminal .....	46	60	19	34	159
Memo Opinion - Civil.....	29	28	42	46	145
Memo Opinion - Criminal.....	15	14	20	12	61
Other - Civil .....	11	7	6	11	35
Other - Criminal .....	3	6	2	3	14

#### Appeals Filed

A total of 256 appeals were filed during the month. An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court.

<u>March 2011</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>256</u>
Civil.....	30	40	23	48	141
Criminal .....	47	30	15	23	115

So far this year, a total of 680 appeals have been filed.

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Filed .....	<u>190</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>680</u>
Civil.....	84	89	95	113	381
Criminal .....	106	79	54	60	299

#### Appeals Pending

As of the end of the month, a total of 1958 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cases Pending .....	<u>608</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>1958</u>
Civil.....	270	217	223	329	1039
Criminal .....	338	228	169	184	919

### Petitions for Supervisory Writ

The Court of Appeals received 9 and disposed of 12 petitions for supervisory writ during the month. A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sup. Writs Filed.....	2	3	1	3	9
Sup. Writs Terminated .....	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
Granted.....	0	0	0	0	0
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	4	0	1	7	12
Sup. Writs Pending.....	25	8	2	7	42

### Petitions for Leave to Appeal

The Court of Appeals received 16 and disposed of 13 petitions for leave to appeal during the month. A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leave to Appeal Petitions Filed .....	5	5	2	4	16
Leave to Appeal Petitions Terminated .....	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>
Granted.....	0	1	0	0	1
Denied, Dismissed, Other.....	5	4	3	0	12
Leave to Appeal Petitions Pending.....	11	4	2	5	22

### Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court received 81 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, no petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification. In a petition for bypass, a party requests that the Supreme Court take jurisdiction of an appeal or other proceeding pending in the Court of Appeals. In a request for certification, the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to exercise its appellate jurisdiction before the Court of Appeals hears the matter.

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Petitions for Review Filed.....	<u>32</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>80</u>
Civil.....	12	8	8	12	40
Criminal .....	20	5	9	7	41
Petitions for Bypass Filed.....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0
Certifications Filed .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Civil.....	0	0	0	1	1
Criminal .....	0	0	0	0	0